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1. AL CAIRO PAPERS AUGUST 23 REPORT (AHRAM LEADS WITH THE STORY FROM HAMDI FUAD IN WASHINGTON) DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN WASHINGTON AS SAYING THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST IN OCTOBER TO "ACTIVATE" THE PRESENT SITUATION TO START A NEW STATE TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH ARAB LEADERS IN WASHINGTON AND ISRAEL PM RABIN'S VISIT LATE SEPTEMBER.

2. DEALING WITH THE VISIT OF SYRIA'S FM KHADDAM IN WASHINGTON, HAMDI FUAD STATES THAT KHADDAM DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY (A) SYRIAN VIEWS TOWARD THE COMING STAGE, INCLUDING FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SYRIAN TERRITORY; (B) PLO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THE FIXING OF A DATE FOR THAT CONFERENCE TO BEGIN; AND (C) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND SYRIA.

3. AL-AKHBAR'S TREATMENT OF US/ISRAEL RELATIONS IS BASED ON NEWS AGENCIES STORIES FROM TEL AVIV CRITICIZING JOINT US/EGYPTIAN COMMUNIQUE WHICH UNDERLINES PLO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMING STAGE BECAUSE SECRETARY WELL KNOWS THAT ISRAEL
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DOES NOT APPROVE OF PLO PARTICIPATION. PAPERS PICKED UP LIKUD

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CALL FOR RABIN TO CANCEL HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN PROTEST AGAINST US POLICY.

4. AL-AKHBAR'S EDITORIAL CONFIDENTLY STATES THAT CURRENT ISRAELI CAMPAIGN TOAFFECT US/ME POLICY WILL NOT SUCCEED BECAUSE US POLICY IS NOW BASED UPON FACTS. THE FACT IS THAT AFTER THE OCTOBER WAR, ISRAEL CAN NO LONGER PROTECT US INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. HAMDI FUAD HAS FULL PAGE IN AL-AHRAM TODAY ABOUT THE POLITICAL FACE OF AMERICA DURING ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT FORD.
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